(8) THE INDIAN TREASURE TROVE (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 34 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I move that—

' *the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill*[a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 34 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

Under section 4 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, the duty of givng notice in writing to the Collector of the treasure-trove is not on the owner or occupier of the place. It is considered that the owner of the place and the occupier of the place shall give the notice referred to. In section 5 of the Act, the Collector is required to make the enquiry and take steps referred to therein, only after notice is received by him under section 4 and not on information received by him otherwise. It is felt that in such cases also it should be open to the Collector to make enquiry and take the steps mentioned under section 5. Clauses 2 and 3 of this Bill effect these changes. Clause 4 makes the occupier or the owner liable to punishment if he fails to furnish information to the Collector."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

' the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 1 and Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I move—

' *that the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill*, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), be passed into law'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), be passed into law'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(9) THE MADRAS RIVERS CONSERVANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 35 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill*[b], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 35 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

This is a short amendment to the Act to remedy a lacuna which has been pointed out. Section 17 of the Act refers to taking certain action to prevent erosion, etc. The amendment now empowers Conservators of Forests to plant and grow reeds, grass or shrubs, etc., to preserve river embankments. That is why we have now come with this amendment."

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 705 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix XIII on page 706 infra.